

This letter was received from Dr. Henry Akana regarding Grand Jury Final Report 1 titled, "Sierra Joint Community College District Post Retirement Medical Fund." This letter is reprinted with Dr. Akana's permission.

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April 2, 2001

The Honorable James D. Garbolino  
Presiding Judge, Superior Court  
County of Placer County  
Historic Courthouse  
101 Maple Street  
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Judge Garbolino:

By now the Sierra College Board of Trustees should have forwarded a response to the 2000-2001, Placer County Grand Jury Final Report 1 of February, 2001, to you. To date, this is the third Grand Jury investigation into "perceived" improprieties at Sierra College, one of which carried the label, "conspiracy of silence." You might have kept abreast of developments here via the media. Sierra College staff, myself included, sees this as another "whitewash," to cover up the truth, as we know it. We would hope that in the Grand Jury's third investigation mentioned above that there would be some findings of "illegal acts" by the college administration, which would dictate referral to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution and resolution to the fullest extent of the law, with penalties attendant thereto, as appropriate.

Personally, I have served the Sierra Joint Community College District for thirty-three years now, having signed on here in 1968. So, I speak from years of experience when I state that the present Sierra College President is not directing our College in the best interests of the taxpayers. Cover-ups appear to be "standard operating procedure." What is also disheartening is that the majority of the Board of Trustees (about five of seven) continue to conduct "business as usual," without much concern for the day, when the taxpayer will not pass any more bond measures on behalf of Sierra College. In addition, divisiveness and staff morale appear to be at its lowest ebb. However discouraged we may be, we continue serving our students, the main reason for our being employed here.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely yours,



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